

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**5th Sunday in Lent:**

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Our red hymn book is located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.*

*\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand as you are able.*

*Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.*

**Prelude**

*Intermezzo by Pietro Mascagni*

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**Have you ever wondered, *can these bones live?***

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

**Hope lives here. So, come. Rest your weary bones.**

Let us worship Holy God.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Silence for reflection*

**Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.**

## \*Words of Forgiveness

### \*Kyrie

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -  
cy up - on us.  
A - men, A - - - - men.

**ANTHEM** - *He Leadeth Me* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

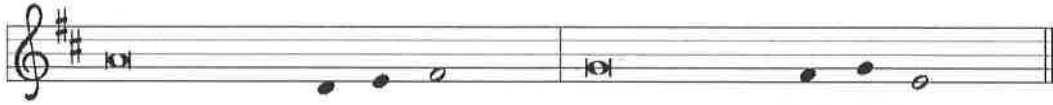
## READINGS

### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## ELW Psalm 130



<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

**from | all their sins.**

## Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O God.**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection*

**\*Hymn of the Day** - ELW 886 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that God loves us—

**God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.**

We believe that God does not give up on us—

**breathing new life into tired bones.**

We believe that God returns to us—

**always seeking us when we are lost.**

We believe that God holds hope for us—

**so we hold onto hope as well.**

We believe, help our unbelief.

**In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory** - *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* arr. by Mark Hayes

**\*Offering Song** - *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* (see insert)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** (see insert)

*Cantor sings each line once, then congregation repeats*

## Words of Institution

**\*Our Father/Parent,**  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

*This is Christ's table. You are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.*

## Lamb of God (ELW, page 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **Communion**

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Sending Announcements**

## **\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn** - ELW 666 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**


*Prelude in A Minor* by J. S. Bach

*You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.*



## Welcome to Our Saviour's

Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). You are welcome at Our Saviour's because of who you are. We are a congregation of longtime churchgoers, newcomers, seekers, seasonal visitors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musicians. We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the Tucson region and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason. We like the sound of young people in worship, we value the experience of our elders, and all ages between. Our communion table is Christ's table, and all people are welcome, no exceptions. Your presence here builds up the body of Christ.



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Lent 5

**THOSE SERVING TODAY (3/26/23)**

**Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Guest Preacher** - Solveig Muus, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona  
**Assisting Minister** - Mary Durham-Pflibsen  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Nilu Dorschner  
**Communion Assistant** - Bill DeVinney      **Acolyte** - Nilu Dorschner  
**Ushers** - Bonnie Phelps, Patty Sirls      **Greeters** - Diane Siefkes  
**OSLC Chancel Choir**      **Coffee Host** - David Lester  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan  
**Treats** - Mary Durham-Pflibsen

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**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/2/23)**

**Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts  
**Assisting Minister** - Kathy DeVinney  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Jennifer Strand  
**Communion Assistant** - Pam Hardman      **Acolyte** - Ginny Phillips  
**Ushers** - Ginny Phillips, Patty Sirls      **Greeter** - Gloria Schmidt  
**OSLC Handbell Choir**      **Coffee Host** - David Lester      **Trumpet** - Michael Marty  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan  
**Treats** - TBA

**Holy Week with Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2 - 9:00 AM - Sanctuary  
Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 6:15 PM - Chapel  
Good Friday - April 7 - 5:15 PM - Sanctuary  
Easter Sunday - April 9 - 7:30 AM (Chapel) - 9:45 AM (Sanctuary)

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